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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the student veterans support program;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 43.60A RCW.

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4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.60A RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) It is the legislature's goal to help make Washington's community  
9 and technical colleges more supportive of student veterans by helping  
10 the colleges attain the partners for veteran supportive campuses  
11 certificate.

12 (2) The Washington student veterans support program is created under  
13 the authority of the department. The purpose of the program is to provide  
14 grants to community and technical colleges defined under RCW 28B.50.030  
15 for the purpose of increasing financial aid, academic, or career support  
16 and advising services for student veterans, or other purposes consistent  
17 with the partners for veteran supportive campuses program.

18 (3) Any of the community and technical colleges defined under RCW  
19 28B.50.030 that submit an application for the department's partners for

1 veteran supportive campuses certificate are eligible to receive a  
2 student veterans support program grant up to twenty thousand dollars  
3 per applicant, per biennium.

4 (4) The department shall evaluate which community and technical  
5 colleges defined under RCW 28B.50.030 that submitted an application for  
6 the partner for veteran supportive campuses certificate would benefit  
7 the most from a student veterans support program grant.

8 (5) The student veterans support program account is created in the  
9 custody of the state treasurer as a nonappropriated account to be used  
10 solely and exclusively for the student veterans support program.  
11 Revenues to the account shall consist of any gifts, grants, or donations  
12 from public or private sources received by the department for this  
13 purpose. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the student  
14 veteran support program grants. Only the director of the department, or  
15 the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account.

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